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Subject: Petition Against the Duke Energy Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners:

As a Duke Energy electric customer, I encourage you to closely examine the Duke Energy electric rate proposal (2018-319-e) when it comes before you, Specifically, I am concerned that:

Duke Energy's proposal to increase the basic facilities charge, a fixed cost from \$8.29 to over \$28. This would make this mandatory fee one of the highest in the country and much higher than the other investor-owned utility in South Carolina which recently lowered its fixed cost.

The increase in this mandatory fee takes away customer control over my energy bill robs me of the full benefit of energy conservation efforts. It is important that you protect older consumers who may live on a fixed income.

Duke energy wants to raise a higher power bill when there are some people who are unable to pay for their medicine now. Warmth is a problem for the elderly now, and if it gets hotter this summer how many will die from heat we need to cut down in all this billing cycle, The people here are not rich looking for easy money getting over on the middle class who can hardly survive now. No ask for them to place this new technology that has been placed in these homes now charging people for equipment that is not in their home or being used by their families but are being charged for it, This is not fair to the citizen of the United State of America and very unfair. I say stop Duke Energy NOW!!!!!!

Sincerely,
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